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This letter is to show alarm and concern regarding the proposed actions of the BLM in the western Oregon forests. I won't go into all the obvious details of the myriad of destruction that would be created by your outrageous WOPR Alternative 2 & 3 proposals. My concerns are regarding the relation the forest has on our climate; the effect the forests (particularly Old Growth) have on the attempt to have clean air & clean water; and of course the effect on the other species, both plant and animal, that we selfishly share this planet with while thinking nothing of blatantly wiping out habitat - including the connecting corridors so crucial to the wildlife (especially pertinent to the lower elevation Old Growth that you are charged with managing).

The fact that the BLM would even propose such a preposterous plan for the very land you are charged with "managing" as stewards is rather absurd. I understand that economics is the name of the game but your proposal clearly shows that your agency does not come close to understanding the depth of loss that will occur if your proposal is allowed. The damage would be both immediate and insidious and more importantly, irreversible (whether or not the land is or was "designated" O&C). No amount of revenue in board feet is worth the health of the planet. This is non-negotiable.

As mills have geared themselves to handle smaller trees from thinning stands of reprod (that are becoming more and more of a fire hazard and need to be thinned); and, in a time when we have learned so much about how we as a species have affected our planet, please, as "managers" of public land, make decisions with integrity and good conscience. Do not cut anymore Old Growth or Riparian Forests. How crazy that we have to actually fight for clean water and clean air for ourselves and for the flora and fauna that we depend on!

Please, those of you who are making these decisions, do not blind yourself to the consequences of your actions, take a stand for what you know is right and protect the little we have left for the environment's sake. (I say that knowing that the word "environment" has become a dirty word, in our times, to managers of the public lands BUT if we don't have a healthy environment we really have nothing.)

Very Sincerely,

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CC: Oregon Congressional delegation, Senate & Governor
Note to politicians: We need incentives for forest restoration & conservation!